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Dear [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

It is with great appreciation that I write to thank you and your wonderful staff for the outstanding support they provided leading up to and during the recent visit of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to Rome and Bologna. There is no question that this was a tough undertaking. This was the first international mission with a new team following the transition, our dates changed at the last minute, and we arrived at a time of controversy with our traditional allies. Throughout these challenges, your team remained professional, patient, good-natured, and truly helpful.

I would like to start by thanking you personally for your understanding and for traveling to Bologna for the food waste side events at the G-7 Environment Ministers Meeting. Your presence was very helpful in demonstrating high level support to our participating U.S. companies, universities, and Italian hosts. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] are to be commended for the excellent guidance and support from beginning to end. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] and [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] kept us safe and demonstrated extreme flexibility throughout the mission, especially when dealing with late schedule changes. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] was especially patient and thorough in addressing all the logistics changes related to hotel rooms. [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] and [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] made sure everything ran as smoothly as possible in Bologna.

I am sure that I am missing others who assisted with cars, communications, security, and other logistics. Through and through, we were very impressed and appreciative of the professionalism and graciousness of your team. They made a very challenging situation much better and assured that we had a positive outcome for Administrator Pruitt. Please know that we understand and value the contribution that your team made to this success. They are true professionals who served us extremely well.

Sincerely,


Jane Nishida
Acting Assistant Administrator